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May 20, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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Dear Supervisors:

## ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

40 May 20, 2014

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### **2014 UPDATED GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to adopt the 2014 Updated Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to vote as a member of the Regional Water Management Group for the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management to adopt this Plan in accordance with Sections 10530 to 10546 of the California Water Code. These actions will enable the Regional Water Management Group for the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management to improve regional water resources management practices, as well as qualify it for future grant funding for water resources-related projects.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Adopt the enclosed Resolution (Enclosure A) adopting the 2014 Updated Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.
2. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to vote as a member of the Regional Water Management Group for the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management to adopt this Plan in accordance with Sections 10530 to 10546 of the California Water Code.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) created the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program to encourage integrated regional strategies for managing water resources and to provide funding for both planning and implementation of projects that support management of water supply, water quality, environmental interests, drought protection, flood protection, and reduction of dependence on imported water.

Agencies in the County of Los Angeles area have long recognized the importance of regional collaboration and integration of single purpose efforts. Agencies now regularly work across jurisdictional boundaries to implement regional projects and programs that address multiple water resource management issues including recycled water, stormwater capture, water use efficiency, and many others. The Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) IRWM Plan is an outgrowth of these ongoing efforts and is an acknowledgement by these agencies that integration and cost-sharing is the key to meeting the County of Los Angeles area's future water resource management challenges.

The DWR and State Legislators have established program guidelines for the IRWM Program through Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (2012 Guidelines). The 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan addresses the provisions of Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E and meets the requirements of the 2012 Guidelines.

The IRWM Program requires IRWMs to be administered by the Regional Water Management Groups (RWMG). The RWMG for the GLAC IRWM is responsible for the preparation and adoption of the GLAC IRWM Plan. The 2012 Guidelines require the governing bodies of member agencies of the RWMGs, the RWMG's representatives of the governing bodies, as well as proponents of projects included in IRWM grant funding proposals to adopt an updated IRWM Plan.

Adopting the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan will enable participants in the GLAC IRWM to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E. The 2012 Guidelines include acceptance of IRWMs into the grant program; IRWM Plan standards and guidance; solicitation, submittal, and review of grant applications; and awarding of grant funding in accordance with Section 10541 (f) of the California Water Code. The RWMG of the GLAC IRWM has previously accepted funds from these grant programs, including funding to update the GLAC IRWM Plan.

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) serves as the chair of the RWMG for the GLAC IRWM and is required to adopt the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan in order to continue participating.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) by maximizing opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resource through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On May 16, 2006, the Board authorized the LACFCD to act as the grant administrator and accept a \$1.5 million Proposition 50, Chapter 8, planning grant from DWR to prepare an IRWM Plan for the GLAC IRWM.

On October 17, 2006, the Board authorized the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD or her designee to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with interested parties to establish a RWMG, participate in the preparation of the IRWM Plan for the GLAC IRWM, and as a member of the RWMG established by the MOU, take the necessary action to adopt the IRWM Plan in accordance to the provision of Proposition 50, Chapter 8, and Sections 10530 through 10546 of the California Water Code.

On October 14, 2008, the Board authorized the Acting Chief Engineer of the LACFCD to execute a MOU with interested parties to establish a RWMG, in accordance with Sections 10530 to 10541 of the California Water Code, for the GLAC IRWM to prepare, review, and adopt an updated IRWM Plan.

On September 14, 2010, the Board authorized the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD to apply for Proposition 84 Planning Grant funds. The LACFCD, on behalf of the GLAC Region, subsequently submitted a Planning Grant application for \$1 million to the DWR.

On June 21, 2011, the Board accepted \$1 million in grant funds from the DWR and authorized the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State, to update the GLAC IRWM Plan, and to execute a MOU with West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) to acquire and utilize the services of a consultant to update the GLAC IRWM Plan.

On December 1, 2011, the LACFCD and West Basin executed an MOU for (1) West Basin to acquire and utilize the services of the RMC Water and Environment to update the 2006 GLAC IRWM Plan; and (2) for the LACFCD to manage and provide staff to oversee the update of the GLAC IRWM Plan with the Consultant.

On December 18, 2012, the Board authorized the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD to execute an MOU to continue the LACFCD's participation in the RWMG for the GLAC IRWM, in accordance with Sections 10530 to 10541 of the California Water Code.

Appendix B of the 2012 Guidelines requires the governing body of each member agency of a RWMG responsible for the development of an IRWM Plan to adopt the Plan by way of a Resolution. The enclosed Resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Adoption of the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan is not a project subject to provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no adverse impact on current County services. This effort to adopt the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan further enhances and facilitates partnerships among water resources, stormwater quality, and open space interests while improving the quality of life for residents in the County of Los Angeles.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

ENCLOSURE A

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT,  
APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2014 UPDATED GREATER LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) and agencies in the Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) area have long recognized the importance of regional collaboration and integration of single purpose efforts and now regularly work across jurisdictional boundaries to implement regional projects and programs that address multiple water resource management issues including local and imported water supplies, sanitation and recycled water, stormwater management, groundwater management, water use efficiency, habitat and open space management, and many others; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) created the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program to encourage integrated, regional strategies for managing water resources and to provide funding for both planning and implementation of projects that support management of water supply, water quality, environmental interests, drought protection, flood protection, and reduction of dependence on imported water and many other; and

WHEREAS, organizations participating in the IRWM Program join together to form IRWM Regions; and

WHEREAS, the IRWM Region serving the GLAC area is known as the GLAC IRWM; and

WHEREAS, the GLAC IRWM engages in regional water resources planning for the GLAC area; and

WHEREAS, DWR recognizes the GLAC IRWM as an official IRWM Region; and

WHEREAS, the IRWM Program requires that a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) be formed to establish an IRWM Region; and

WHEREAS, LACFCD is a member of the RWMG for the GLAC IRWM and serves as the Chair of that body; and

WHEREAS, DWR and State Legislators have established program guidelines for the IRWM Program through Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (2012 Guidelines); and

WHEREAS, the RWMG for the GLAC IRWM is responsible for the preparation and adoption an IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, the RWMG for the GLAC IRWM has developed the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan to addresses the provisions of the 2012 Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, LACFCD actively participated in the development of the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, adopting the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan will enable participants in the GLAC IRWM, including the LACFCD, to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2011, the Board accepted Proposition 84 Planning Grant funds from DWR, together with funding contributions from members of the RWMG for the GLAC IRWM, to fund the development of the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Guidelines require the governing bodies of member agencies of the RWMGs, the RWMG representatives of the governing bodies, as well as proponents of projects included in IRWM grant funding proposals to adopt an updated IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, to date, DWR has awarded the GLAC IRWM Forty-eight Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$48,000,000.00) in grant funding to implement 27 regionally significant water resources management projects and has recommended the award of an additional Twenty-three Million Four Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$23,400,000.00) for 13 more projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of the LACFCD:

1. Adopt the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan;
2. Authorize and direct the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD or her designee, in their role as a member agency of the RWMG of the GLAC Region IRWM, to vote at the appropriate time to adopt the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.



SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

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Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI  
County Counsel

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